

TECHNIQUES FOR DISPENSING POSTAGE USING A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Techniques for dispensing postage using a communication network such as the Internet. A postage vendor system (PVS) is assigned a single postal license number by a postal authority, such as the USPS, and is used by the PVS to cater to postage requests from a plurality of unrelated users who may be at different geographical addresses. The PVS may comprise a plurality of server systems and may receive requests to purchase stamps from one or more user systems. In response to the postage purchase requests, the PVS may generate information for printing indicia corresponding to the stamp requests based upon the single postal license number associated with the PVS. The PVS may then communicate the information for printing the indicia to the one or more user systems. The user systems may print the indicia based upon the information for printing the indicia received from the PVS.

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